

## NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 24, 2012

## Dear Parents, Students and Friends of St. Augustine School:

These first three weeks of school have been filled with an abundance of blessings, much activity and some challenges to be resolved. We are most grateful for the support of all the members of the community as we launch ourselves into this Year of Faith.

First, if you make it a regular habit to visit our school's website, [www.faithandfoundation.com](http://www.faithandfoundation.com), you will be able to note a number of things:

- General information related to curriculum
- Current and back copies of our NEWSLETTER
- Access to the "Absentee Note" form that can be filled out and immediately returned to the office site
- Updates on future events
- And FRONT PAGE stories and pictures that inform everyone of some school event, with accompanying photos
- You can expect email notices that inform you of the latest NEWSLETTER, just as you have to find today's posting.

**EVENTS** to note ...

Our annual school-based fundraiser, **THE WALKATHON**, will take place just 12 days from today! Notices have gone home to every family, and we ask that you take the time to complete all the forms:

- Permission to participate, as we walk off-site
- Confirmation of your participation in whatever way you can volunteer
- Pledge Sheets and information regarding our goal (\$30,000.00).



With every family actively participating and supporting this event with \$180.00, we will be most successful! Mrs. Luttrell tells me that a number of students have already requested additional pledge sheets. (Prizes include a DVD player, a Wii, gift certificates, and a camera. We thank the Williams family for donating this year's "grand prize" of a bike.)

Tomorrow, we will be sending home every student's **earthquake kit** for refreshing its contents. (New students will receive information about what is required, and the Ziploc bag into which the contents are to be placed and returned to us.) Please note: the school updates its supplies in our earthquake bin on a regular basis, so parents are asked only for personal items as listed.)

Over the summer, we were so pleased to again present to three charities the tithing proceeds from last year's school-based fundraising. We distributed \$4,000.00 between the Oblate Missions, the work of the Sisters of St. Ann, and the work being done at for the women at Sancta Maria House. As you, our parents, are so generous in supporting us, we knew you would appreciate knowing how we continue to use the

resources that you share with us.

About student illness . . . please keep your child home or make alternative arrangements if he/she is ill. Thank you – your efforts in this area are appreciated by the classroom teachers, other parents and the office staff.

Faith and Foundation is the name by which we identify our Capital Campaign fundraising efforts. Over the course of the coming months, you will begin to receive information related to the efforts being made to raise the money to build our new school, to include:

Initiatives in our Annual Fall Campaign

Our **Fall Campaign NEWSLETTER**

Volunteer opportunities for **Pass the Torch** (mark your calendar for APRIL 27, 2013)

For those of you who have been part of this amazing story of generosity of TIME, TALENT and TREASURE, thank you. We thank Helen Velazquez for accepting the role of Chairwoman for this year's Pass the Torch event, and we know that Helen will be inviting many parents to join the committees that support us in this effort to raise money for our new school. (For those of you new to our Parish and School, **we do require that every family give five hours of their Parent Participation to Pass the Torch tasks**, so watch for the volunteer sign up forms that will come to you in the coming month.)

You may be aware that our Parish is always seeking people to volunteer for the many ministries that it supports. Over the weekend, we celebrated MINISTRY SUNDAY, where the various ministries in the Church were represented. One Ministry that directly benefits the parents of young children is **Children's Liturgy of the Word**. As coordinator of that program, Eileen Cervi is asking for help from adults at one of the four monthly masses that have this program. Please call Eileen at 604-739-5828 if you could assist her. (There will be more information to follow electronically in the coming weeks.)

Father Terry wrote to us . . . "The underground parking at the Parish Centre is opened around 8:00 am during the week and remains open till 5:00 pm; . . . it can be used as a drop off or pick up for (their) children."

Thank you for taking the time to read our NEWSLETTER – we know that when parents, school and church work together, so much good can take place for our children.

Blessings to all,



Principal